

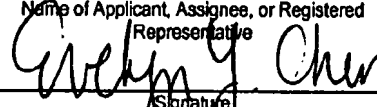


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Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated January 18, 2007, be extended for one month to May 18, 2007.

A response to the Office Action, dated January 18, 2007, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee

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